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Dear Cotting School Community,

As you are aware, there is increasing concern globally about the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) or COVID-19. The Center for Disease Control is closely monitoring the spread and as of today reports that there are 91 confirmed cases in the United States. Updates can be found on the CDC website, which also has general information about COVID-19.


At the same time, the risk for influenza virus is very high.

Given these concerns, it is important that we all take general precautions to keep ourselves healthy. At Cotting School we will continue to practice good hand hygiene and regular cleaning of surfaces. At home, please remember the following:

- Practice good hand hygiene. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your sleeve. Throw used tissues in the trash and immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid sharing drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, dishes, towels or other items. Wash these items thoroughly with soap and water after use.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces especially when someone is ill.

In addition to these standard measures, we will be contracting with an outside vendor to conduct a deep clean of the school once per week for the next four weeks. These cleanings will occur after regular school hours beginning this week.

At this time, there are no changes planned for any regular school activities on or off campus.
The Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is an evolving situation that we are following closely and will continue to update you as information is shared with us. As always, we will monitor student health concerns. We are in close communication with the local Board of Health and Massachusetts Department of Public Health/School Health Unit.

We continue to be strongly committed to student and staff wellness and will continue to share new information with you, as necessary, about this evolving situation. If you have any questions, please contact the medical department.

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